

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 12-14 and 21-23 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 4, 21 and 22 are amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the remarks is respectfully requested.

I. Incorrect Date To Which The Office Action Is Responsive

The Office Action indicates that it is responsive to communication filed on August 3, 2005. However, what was filed on August 3, 2005 is a resubmission of the March 1, 2005 Appeal Brief. This issue was discussed and agreed with the August 3 telephone conference with Examiner Patterson as described in the Confirmation Of Telephone Conference And Resubmission of Appeal Brief filed on August 3, 2005. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Patent Office correct its record in this regard.

II. Formal Matter

The Office objects to claims 1-6, 12-14 and 21-23 for informalities. Claims 1 and 3 are amended to obviate the objection. Claims 4, 21 and 22 are amended to be consistent with the amendment to claims 1 and 3. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection. Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments are not intended to change the scope of the claims and are non-narrowing. Therefore, the patentability of these claims are not changed by these amendments.

III. The Pending Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 21 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,193,711 to Hirata et al. (Hirata). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, a cylindrical molded body including a sidewall portion having an inner surface and an outer surface, and a mark of an injection gate opening positioned on the inner surface. This feature is shown in Fig. 1, for example.

Hirata, on the other hand, teaches that a resin is injected from the center of a bottom wall section as shown in Fig. 2 (A) and as described at col. 3, lines 7-11. Therefore, a mark cannot not be positioned on the inner surface of the sidewall portion. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is patentably distinct form the applied art.

Claims 2, 21 and 22 are allowable at least for their dependence on claim 1, as well as for the additional features they recite.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 3-6, 12-14 ad 23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Hirata in view of Japanese Patent No. 6246777 to Suzuki et al. (Suzuki) and Japanese Patent No. 03286815 to Asahi Chemical. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 3 recites, *inter alia*, injecting a molten resin through said injection gate opening toward said molded body inner surface of the sidewall portion at a position inwardly apart from said upper end of the insert in an axial direction and at a position corresponding to a position on said molded body inner surface that is covered by said insert. As discussed above, Hirata does not teach or suggest this feature. In addition, neither Suzuki nor Asahi Chemical overcomes this deficiency of Hirata.

In addition, the Office Action admits that Hirata fails to disclose a core that is a pull-out mold unit, and alleges that Suzuki makes up for this feature. However, because Hirata specifically teaches the bottom wall section 5, the core of Suzuki is not compatible with the container taught by Hirata. Suzuki teaches that the bottom portion 113 of its container 100 is attached after the container 100 is molded. Accordingly, one of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to use Suzuki for the container of Hirata. As such, this combination is improper.

At least for these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 3 is patentably distinct form the applied prior art.

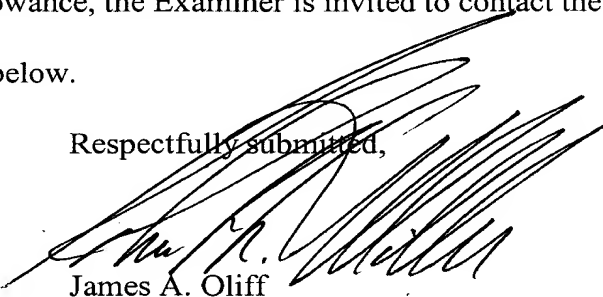
Claims 4-6, 12-14 and 23 are allowable at least for their dependency on claim 3, as well as for the additional features they recite.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-6, 12-14 and 21-23 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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